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10.	State Drugs Testing Laboratory, Rajasthan Sethi Colony, Jaipur (Rajasthan)
11.	State Drugs Control & Research Laboratory 2, Convent Lane, Calcutta-700015
12.	State Govt. Testing Laboratory Food and Drugs Administration Idgah Hills, Bhopal-462001 (M.P.)
13.	State Drugs Laboratory, Haryana Sector – 11, Chandigarh
14.	Food & Drugs Administration, Chhattisgarh, Raipur, (Chhattisgarh)
15.	Dte. General of Health Services Uttaranchal, Chandernagar, Dehradoon, Uttaranchal
16.	State Drugs Controller cum Chief Licensing Authority, Jharkhand, Ranchi, Jharkhand
17.	Food and Drugs Administration, 99-A, Mission Street, Pondicherry-605011
18.	State Drugs Testing Lab., Office of The Deputy Drugs Controller, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala-799 006
19.	Drugs Testing Lab., Govt. of Himanchal Pradesh, Kandhaghat, Distt. Solan, Himachal Pradesh
20.	State Durgs Testing Laboratory Sector – C, Aliganj, Lucknow, U.P.
21.	State Drugs Laboratory, Jammu, J & K
22.	Drugs Testing Laboratory, Srinagar, J & K
23.	Drug Testing Laboratory, Shillong, Meghalaya
24.	Drug Testing Laboratory, Kohima, Nagaland

Fake medicines

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SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether information has been received regarding availability of big quantity of fake medicines in many States of the country;

(b) if so, the details of raids, recovered fake medicines, registered cases and arrests made during the last six months, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether Government intend to make present law against criminals engaged in the business of fake medicines more stringent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMA DOSS): (a) to (d) There have been some reports of spurious drugs from some places of the country which are being investigated by State Drugs Control and Central Drugs Control Administration. Allegedly counterfeit/fake medicines were recovered by the U.P. Drug Control Authorities along with Police from some parts of U.P. like Muzzafarnagar, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Agra, Modinagar, etc. Simiarly, in Bolangir distrct in Orissa, fake medicines were detected. Reports are given in the Statement-I and II (*See* below).

Data Pertaining to 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 are given in Statements at III, IV and V (c) respectively (*See* below). Last 6 months data is being collected from the States.

The Government is proposing to, amend the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940, to provide for stringent punishntent to the offenders wherein a maximum penalty of life imprisonment and a fine upto rupees ten lakhs has been provided and provision of special courts for speedy trial of drug related offences and making all such offences cognizable and non-bailable. The Bill is likely to be introduced in the present Monsoon Session of Parliament.

Statement-I

Action Taken by U.P. Government

The following action has been taken by the Uttar Pradesh Government after disclosure in the electronic and print media regarding manufacture and sale of counterfeit drugs:

1. An order had been passed on 4.06.2007 to carry out drive against manufacture and sale of sub-standard, spurious, and misbranded drugs. Further, all Commissioners and District Magistrate have been strictly instructed to carry out drives against spurious/counterfeit drugs by orders of the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary both dated 31.07.2007. This drive will be conducted till 30th September, 2007 and will be carried out by the health department alongwith Police and officials of the other departments. Instruction have already been issued to take strict action against manufacturers and dealer of sub-standard and spurious drugs under the Drugs & Cosmetic Act and Rules and the IPC.

2. Between 20.07.2007 and 2.08.2007 raids were carried out in fhe Districts of Meerut, Bahraich, Lucknow, J.P. Nagar, Bijnor, Bulandshahar, Faizabad, Rampur, Moradabad, Agra, Muzzafarnagar, Sultanpur, Ghaziabad and Saharanpur. During the drive, 122 sales premises were raided and 238 samples were drawn, 10 FIR were filed and 17 persons arrested.

3. Grant of all new Wholesale and Retail Licences in the State of U.P. have been suspended by an order dated 24.07.2007, till further order.

4. The Drugs Controller of UP and the Drugs Inspector of Meerut have been suspended and necessary disciplinary actions have been started against them.

Statement-II

Action taken by Orissa Governemnt

The following action has been taken by the Orissa Government regarding manufacture and sale of counterfeit drugs:

Manufacture of fake/spurious medicines in one particular place namely Kantabanjhi in Bolangir district of the State has come to the notice of the State Government.

The case was handed over to State crime branch and 3 persons have been arrested and put behind bar. The Drugs Inspector under whose jurisdiction this has been detected has also been arrested and put behind bar.

The Government has started a crack down on the medicine selling outlets also to detect fake medicines which may have created a scare amongst a drugs seller.

Government has formed a Task Force at the state level headed by the Chief Secretary with principal Secretary, Home Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department and others as members to review the progress on check and vigilance activities. At District level also a Task Force has been formed headed by the collector of the District with Supreintendendent of Police, Chief District Medical Officer and Drugs Inspector as the members to conduct through checking of drug selling outlets.

Large number of premises has been inspected by now, samples have been drawn and stocks have been frozen in some cases drugs have also been seized in suspected cases. The checking is in progress and will continue.

Statement-III

No. of samples tested, No. of samples declared not of standard quality, No. of samples declared spurious, No. of prosecution launched, and No. of cases decided during 2004-05 as per the feed back available from the States

Sl. No.	States/UTs.	No. of samples tested	No. of samples declared not of standard quality	No. of samples declared spurious	No. of prosecution launched	No. of cases decided	No. of Persons arrested
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4893	112	5	73	29	Nil
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	219	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
4.	Assam	433	31	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5.	Bihar	1097	Nil	Nil	118	Nil	Nil
6.	Chandigarh	226	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
7.	Chhattisgarh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9.	Daman & Diu	51	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10.	Delhi	1109	53	3	3	Nil	Nil
11.	Goa	172	24	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
12.	Gujarat	3810	673	4	14	3	Nil
13.	Haryana	3023	159	1	14	22	Nil
14.	Himachal Pradesh	834	6	1	2	1	2
15.	Jammu & Kashmir	664	40	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
16.	Jharkhand	330	5	Nil	3	Nil	4
17.	Karnataka	3670	205	8	9	Nil	1
18.	Kerala	4716	496	1	1	Nil	Nil
19.	Lakshadweep	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
20.	Madhya Pradesh	5662	168	23	34	4	Nil
21.	Maharashtra	5386	532	2	11	17	Nil
22.	Manipur	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
23.	Meghalaya	204	16	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
24.	Mizoram	25	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
25.	Nagaland	71	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
26.	Orissa	1916	165	2	1	1	Nil
27.	Pondicherry	19	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
28.	Punjab	2140	216	13	6	1	Nil
29.	Rajasthan	897	112	7	28	24	Nil
30.	Sikkim	14	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
31.	Tamil Nadu	4793	420	47	33	Nil	Nil
32.	Tripura	467	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
33.	Uttar Pradesh	986	156	7	3	2	6
34.	Uttaranchal	45	3	Nil	11	Nil	1
35.	West Bengal	1409	84	20	6	1	9
	TOTAL:	49287	3695	144	370	105	23

Statement-IV

No. of samples tested, No. of samples declared not of standard quality, No. of samples declared spurious, No. of prosecution launched, and No. of cases decided during 2005-06 as per the feed back available from the States

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of samples tested	No. of samples declared not of standard quality	No. of samples declared spurious	No. of prosecution launched	No. of cases decided	No. of Persons arrested
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Andhra Pradesh	4502	56	11	33	40	Nil
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	300	2	0	0	0	Nil
4.	Assam	416	23	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.	Bihar	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
6.	Chandigarh	2073	185	8	2	1 Acquitted	Nil
7.	Chhattisgarh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	27	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9.	Daman & Diu	60	3	2	2	Nil	Nil
10.	Delhi	829	29	5	2	1	Nil
11.	Goa	172	24	-	-	-	Nil
12.	Gujarat	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
13.	Gangtok	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14.	Haryana	1974	129	3	32	13	3
15.	Himachal Pradesh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
17.	Jharkhand	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
18.	Karnataka	2942	219	13	4	All under trial	1
19.	Kerala	4085	157	1	1	Nil	Nil
20.	Lakshadweep	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
21.	Madhya Pradesh	3200	124	1	4	2	Nil

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
22.	Maharashtra	6210	723	14	175	26	12
23.	Manipur	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
24.	Meghalaya	68	0	0	0	0	Nil
25.	Mizoram*	20	1	Nil	198	Nil	Nil
26.	Mumbai	1110	27	2	NA	NA	Nil
27.	Nagaland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
28.	Orissa	1209	165	6	NA	Nil	Nil
29.	Pondicherry	29	3	4	Nil	-	Nil
30.	Punjab	2073	185	8	2	1	Nil
31.	Rajasthan	1246	153	8	3	-	2
32.	Sikkim	20	0	0	0	0	Nil
33.	Tamil Nadu	3457	262	9	14	Nil	Nil
34.	Tripura	569	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
35.	Uttar Pradesh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
36.	Uttaranchal	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
37.	West Bengal	882	96	2	16	8	Nil
	TOTAL:	36034	2470	95	472	83	18

* The period is from 01.01.2005 to 04.05.2006

Statement-V

No. of samples tested, No. of samples declared not of standard quality, No. of samples declared spurious, No. of prosecution launched, and No. of cases decided during 2006-07 as per the feed back available from the States

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of samples tested	No. of samples declared not of standard quality	No. of samples declared spurious	No. of prosecution launched	No. of cases decided	No. of Persons arrested
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2.	Andhra Pradesh	2350	33	9	21	64	Nil
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	300	2	0	0	0	Nil
4.	Assam	416	23	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5.	Bihar	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
6.	Chandigarh	2473	105	5	10	6	Nil
7.	Chhattisgarh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
8.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	41	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
9.	Daman & Diu	35	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
10.	Delhi	829	29	5	2	1	Nil
11.	Goa	42	8	-	-	-	Nil
12.	Gujarat	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
13.	Gangtok	22	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
14.	Haryana	1217	61	2	24	13	Nil
15.	Himachal Pradesh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
17.	Jharkhand	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
18.	Karnataka	2110	211	Nil	5	All under trial	1
19.	Kerala	3414	187	Nil	1	NIL	Nil
20.	Lakshadweep	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
21.	Madhya Pradesh	3200	124	1	4	2	Nil
22.	Maharashtra	6210	723	14	175	26	12
23.	Manipur	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
24.	Meghalaya	68	0	0	0	0	Nil
25.	Mizoram*	20	1	Nil	198	Nil	Nil
26.	Mumbai	1110	27	2	NA	NA	Nil
27.	Nagaland	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
28.	Orissa	1209	165	6	NA	Nil	Nil
29.	Pondicherry	29	3	4	Nil	-	Nil
30.	Puniab	2073	185	8	2	1	Nil
31.	Rajasthan	1821	120	1	1	-	Nil
32.	Sikkim	20	0	0	0	0	Nil
33.	Tamil Nadu	3255	213	2	11	2	Nil
34.	Tripura	449	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
35.	Uttar Pradesh	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
36.	Uttaranchal	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Nil
37.	West Bengal	882	96	2	16	8	Nil
	TOTAL:	32264	2223	59	454	115	13